

BARMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER OF
HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1959.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Ross, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Health Report for the year ending 31st December, 1959.

The estimate of population at mid-year showed an increase of 10 on 1958, and the number of live births was only one fewer. With no still births (one in the previous year). Illegitimate births were halved.

There was no maternal mortality during the year, and for the third year running there were no infantile deaths.

Five more deaths were recorded and of these the number from cancer declined from 8 to 6. Once again there were no deaths from Tuberculosis, this making the fourth successive year. One new case each of Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary disease was notified in 1959.

A few cases of measles a carry over from 1958's epidemic and two cases of Scarlet Fever of a mild variety were notified.

No cases of food poisoning occurred.

The whole report gives a picture of a healthy community.

I wish to thank all officers of the Council for their co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

EVAN RICHARDS.

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health.

1959.

SECTION A.

GENERAL STATISTICS

BARMOUTH

Area of Urban District	1952.8 acres.
Rateable Value	£33,381.
Population (Registrar General's figures)	2,310.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£124.
Number of inhabited houses (According to the Rate Books) at end of year.	1,054.

VITAL STATISTICS

Comparability Factors.

Births	1.09
Deaths	0.79

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	17	16
Legitimate	16	16
Illegitimate	1	-

LIVE BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 Population 14.72

1958 Figures 15.22

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	Nil	Nil

STILL BIRTHS RATE PER 1,000 Population Nil

<u>TOTAL BIRTHS</u> (Live & Still)	34
Live	34
Still	Nil

<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	Nil	Nil
Legitimate	Nil	Nil
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil

Infants Mortality (Rate per 1,000 Live Births) Nil
1958 figures Nil

Deaths of Legitimate Infants
Mortality (per 1,000 Legitimate live births) Nil

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants
Mortality (Per 1,000 illegitimate live births) Nil

<u>Deaths of Infants Under 4 Weeks</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total	Nil	Nil
Legitimate	Nil	Nil
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil

Illegitimate Live Births (per 1,000 population)

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion)
Total Nil

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Rate per 1,000 live and still births)

Death connected with childbirth and pregnancy Nil
1958 figure Nil

107.7

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DEATHS

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total Number	40	16	24
Rate per 1,000 population	17.31		
1958 figures	15.22		

DEATHS FROM CANCER

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total Number	6	3	3
Rate per 1,000 population	2.60		
1958 figures	3.48		

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Total Number	Nil
Rate per 1,000 population	Nil
1958 figures	Nil

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA(1) PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

One Medical Officer of Health.

One Public Health Inspector holding appointment of Public Health Inspector/Surveyor.

(2) LABORATORY FACILITIES

Water Analysis (Chemical) carried out by Public Analyst, Chester.

Water (bacteriological examination) done by the Public Health Laboratory, Aberystwyth.

Milk (tests for cleanliness, keeping quality and Tubercle Bacilli) carried out by the Public Health Laboratory at no charge to the local authority.

(3) AMBULANCE FACILITIES

One Ambulance is stationed at Barmouth.

(4) INFANT WELFARE CLINICS

Held at Chapel Vestry, Park Road, fortnightly.

(5) ANTE NATAL CLINICS

Held at the Cottage Hospital, Dolgellau, twice a month.

(6) ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC

Held at the Cottage Hospital, Dolgellau, twice a month.

(7) TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC

Held at the Cottage Hospital, Dolgellau, twice a month.

(8) DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Arranged by the County Medical Officer of Health. Immunisation of babies and young children carried out at the Primary Schools at Regular intervals.

(9) POLIO MYELITIS IMMUNISATION

By arrangement of the County Medical Officer of Health.

(9) INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Total number of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)
notified during the year = 8

Scarlet Fever = 2
Bacillary Dysentery = Nil

Whooping Cough = Nil
Measles = 6
Infantile Paralysis = Nil

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES

Pulmonary	Total	1
	Males	Nil
	Females	1
Non-Pulmonary	Total	1
	Males	Nil
	Females	1

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

Total Nil.

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and Mortality during 1959 in age groups.

NEW CASES

DEATHS

Age Periods	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
1								
2								
3								
5								
10								
15								
20				1				
25								
35								
45								
55		1						
65								
75								



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CAUSES OF DEATH 1959

	M.	F.
Tuberculosis Pulmonary.....		
Acute Poliomyelitis		
Cancer Stomach		
Cancer Lungs	2	-
Cancer Breast		
Cancer Other Sites	1	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	3
Coronary Diseases, angina	2	1
Hypertension with heart disease		
Other heart diseases	3	13
Other circulatory disease	1	3
Influenza	1	
Pneumonia		
Bronchitis	1	
Other diseases of respiratory system		
Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	1	
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea		
Nephritis and nephrosis		1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	
Other defined and ill-defined diseases		
Motor Vehicle accidents		
All other accidents		
Suicide		

FOOD HYGIENE

Supervision and advice was given to food handlers generally during the year.

No. of prosecutions = Nil

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT.

Section 47

No legal action was taken under this statute.

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BARMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1959.

To the Chairman and Members,
Barmouth Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I herewith beg to submit my report upon the sanitary circumstances of the district during 1959:-

1. WATER SUPPLY

Annual main scraping operations were carried out during the year on the trunk main from the main service reservoir to the southern end of the town and, at the same time, a number of the secondary water mains were scraped. The main service reservoir was cleaned out. The supply was adequate at all times to meet the needs of the district.

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Normal routine maintenance has been carried out on the sewers in town and, during the period under review there has been nothing unusual to report.

3. RIVERS AND STREAMS.

There were no cases of pollution of rivers or streams.

4. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

There were no known cases of change over from the dry conservancy system to the water carriage system.

5. PUBLIC CLEANSING.

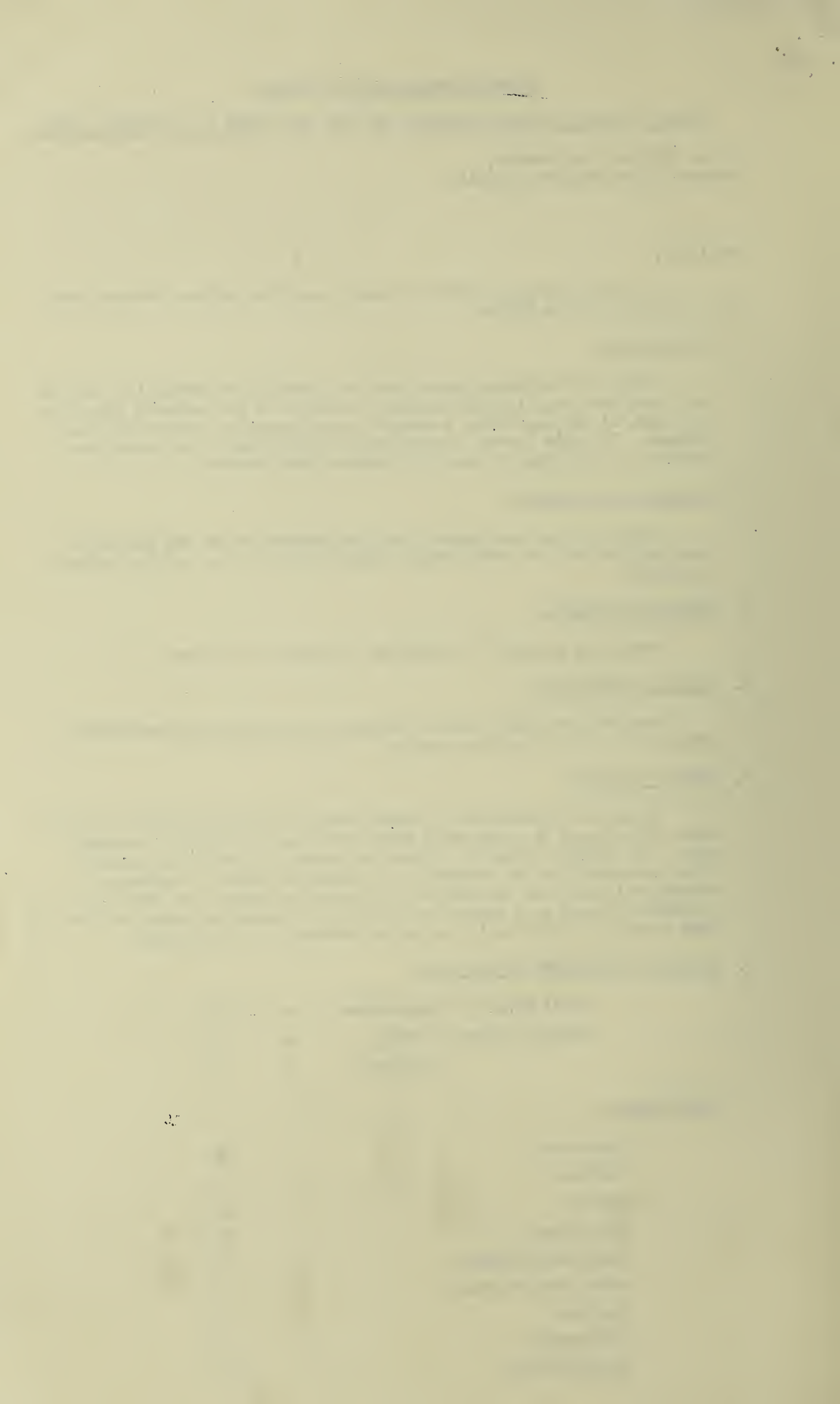
Refuse is collected by a covered refuse collection vehicle and the point of disposal is a centrally situated refuse tip within the urban area. The tipping ground is a piece of marshy land which is gradually being reclaimed for the purpose of a recreation ground. Tipping is carried out under the semi-controlled system and blown sand from the promenade is used as a medium for covering the deposited refuse on the tip. Sand being the only readily available material for this purpose.

6. SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA.

Total number of Inspections	=	353
Notices served - Formal	=	3
Informal	=	6

INSPECTIONS:-

Bakehouses	16
Cowsheds	5
Dairies	11
Milk Shops	29
Ice Cream Premises	63
Fried Fish Premises	7
Factories	69
Restaurants	6
Slaughterhouse	127



Notices Served re Defective Drains:-

Formal	Nil
Informal	10

Camping Sites:-

Number of sites used for Camping purposes	3
Number of sites licensed under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936	1
Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area at any one time during the season.	800

No complaints were received arising from the control of or behaviour in any one of these camps.

Smoke Abatement:- No complaints were received.

Swimming Baths:- None.

Eradication of Bed Bugs etc.:- No action necessary.

Rodent Control:- This service is efficiently carried out by the Part-time Rodent Officer and no serious complaints were received during the year.

Schools:- The one and only school in the district was well maintained throughout the year.

7. HOUSING.

Of the 26 houses included in the Council's Housing Scheme 16 were completed during 1958 and the remaining 10 were completed and occupied during this year.

No new houses, by private enterprise, were built.

There were two applications for Improvement Grants received and one case where the improvements carried out to completion by the end of the year.

8. INSPECTIONS OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for Housing Defects under the Public Health and Housing Acts	17
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	31

2. (a) Number of dwellinghouses under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 ... Nil
- (b) Number of inspection made for the purpose ... Nil
3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 3
4. Number of dwellinghouses, exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 2
5. Remedy for defects during the year without service of Formal Notice ... Nil
- Rendered fit - informal action by local authority ... Nil

9. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

1. Proceedings under Section 9, 10 & 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

- (a) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... Nil
- (b) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices:-
- (i) by the Owners ... Nil
- (ii) by the Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil

2. Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:-

- (a) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... Nil
- (b) Number of dwellinghouses in which defaults were remedied after service of Formal Notice:-
- (i) by the Owners ... Nil
- (ii) by the Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil

3. Proceedings under Section 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

- (a) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... Nil
- (b) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... Nil

4. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

- (a) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... Nil
- (b) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit ... Nil

5. Housing Act, 1936 - Part V - Overcrowding:-

- (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year 2
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein 2
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 8
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year Nil
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 3
(ii) Number of persons concerned in above 7
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding Nil

10. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Routine Inspection of Foodstuffs was carried out during the year.

Large quantities of tinned and other foodstuffs, voluntarily surrendered were condemned.

Samples of milk and ice-cream were submitted for analysis and the reports were quite satisfactory.

All meat, slaughtered locally, was duly inspected.

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number of animals killed and inspected	18	3	1340	62
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis - whole of carcasses condemned</u>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	No records kept - quantities condemned not weighed.			
Tuberculosis only - whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

T.R. SAMBROOK.

Public Health Inspector.

16th July, 1961.

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